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SUBJ: OFFICIAL TRAVEL CONGEN OFFICERS

1. REPEATED QUERIES THROUGH CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE CHANNELS ABOUT A PRC VISA FOR FSO DAVID DEAN HAVE YIELDED NOTHING IN WAY OF EITHER INFORMATION OR ENCOURAGEMENT ABOUT TRAVEL PROSPECTS. IT IS APPARENT THAT THIS TOURIST VISA APPROACH WILL NOT BE AN EFFECTIVE ROUTE FOR CONGEN OFFICERS TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL CONSULTATION OPPORTUNITIES AT USLO PEKING AND RELATED CHINA TRAVEL BENEFITS. IN ADDITION, POSTPONEMENT OF US DELEGATION VISITS FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR (STATE 174891) REMOVES ESCORT POSSIBILITY AS WAY FOR CONGEN OFFICERS WORKING ON PRC AFFAIRS TO ACQUIRE USEFUL ORIENTATION.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM JAPANESE CONSULATE GENERAL THAT FOR MANY MONTHS ITS OFFICERS HAVE BEEN TRAVELLING ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS TO PEKING FOR CONSULTATIONS. JAPANESE EMBASSY IN PEKING INFORMS PRC FOREIGN MINISTRY BY NOTE THAT FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER IS COMING FROM HONG KONG TO PEKING ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS AND AS MATTER OF COURSE VISA IS APPROVED. PROCEDURE TAKES TWO TO TEN DAYS. ALL OF OUR JAPANESE CONGEN COLLEAGUES IN HONG KONG WHO ARE CHINA SPECIALISTS HAVE ENJOYED SUCH CONSULTATIONS IN PEKING; SOME ARE NOW PLANNING SECOND TRIP. IN FACT, MOST NON-CHINA SPECIALIST JAPANESE CONGEN OFFICERS HAVE ALSO VISITED CHINA UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT. ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION JAPANESE CONGENOFF ON OFFICIAL VISIT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE. BOOKINGS HAVE BEEN

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MADE WITHOUT DIFFICULTY IN PEKING HOTEL.

3. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE NOW ADOPT MORE POSITIVE TACTICS IN EFFORT TO GIVE ALL CONGEN LANGUAGE OFFICERS WORKING ON PRC AFFAIRS CONSULTATION OPPORTUNITIES IN PEKING AS RAPIDLY AS THEY CAN CONVENIENTLY BE SCHEDULED. IF CONVENIENT, FSO DAVID DEAN WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL TRIP THIS MONTH UNDER ORDERS WHICH WE WILL WRITE. SOME TIME IN EARLY OCTOBER CONGEN WOULD LIKE TO SEND FSO JOHN J TAYLOR ON SIMILAR ORIENTATION TRIP. (BOTH OFFICERS HAVE INVITATIONS TO STAY WITH USLO OFFICERS AND WOULD NOT REQUIRE HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS.) IF AGREEABLE TO USLO WE WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY PLAN TO ISSUE OTHER CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS SAME TYPE OF ORDERS. WE WOULD OFCOURSE EXPECT THIS TO BE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WITH AS MANY USLO OFFICERS AS CAN BE SPARED AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL TRAVEL FOR CONSULTATIONS IN HONG KONG. GIVEN THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP OF THE WORK OF THE SUBSTANTIVE OFFICERS IN PEKING AND HONG KONG SUCH AN EXCHANGE OF VISITS SEEMS ESSENTIAL.  
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